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**ONLY HEAD LIBRARIANS AND CHAIRMEN  
OF LIBRARY BOARDS RECEIVE NEWS LETTER  
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS. PLEASE SEE THAT  
EACH ISSUE IS ROUTED TO ALL STAFF AND  
BOARD MEMBERS.**

PROGRAM TO WIN NEW FRIENDS FOR LIBRARIES

The South Carolina State Library Board is instituting a "Library Interpretation" program that is one of the first of its kind in the United States. The public relations firm of Rodgers, Newman, and Barton has been retained to work with staff members in the implementation of this program.

South Carolina is the second state to attempt such a program on a statewide basis.

The objectives of the program will be to promote quality usage of libraries throughout South Carolina, to improve public understanding of the library's service to individual and community, to present the opportunities librarianship offers as a profession, and to promote the coordination of state level library service into a single State Library in the interest of economy, efficiency, and better service to the departments of state government and citizens of the state.

Although much of the program will be conducted from the state level, local activities will also form an important phase of the overall campaign. Brochures on library services, consultation on publicity and public relations programs of county libraries, and a training program in publicity and public relations are all to be included in the general program.

The interpretation program will utilize all mass media with particular emphasis on newspaper columns and features. A regular column will be prepared and distributed by the public relations firm on a continuing basis, which will be made available to papers throughout the state without cost to them.



Comments and suggestions from individual libraries and librarians will be welcomed at any time. Rodgers, Newman, and Barton is located at 916 Palmetto State Life Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

## STATE LIBRARIANS TO STUDY IMPACT OF LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

Estellene P. Walker, Director, will represent the State Library Board at an institute designed for state agencies which are responsible for the administration of LSA funds and programs.

The three-day Institute on "The Impact of the Library Services Act--Progress and Potential" will be held at Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois, Nov. 5-8, 1961, under the auspices of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science and the Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education, with the cooperation of the University of Illinois Extension Division.

The multi-million-dollar program providing for federal and matching state aid to libraries made possible through the Library Services Act by the U. S. Congress has now been underway for five years and at the last session of the Congress was extended for another five years. The time is peculiarly appropriate, therefore, for a comprehensive evaluation and forecast of the effects of the Library Services Act to date and in the years ahead upon governmental agencies and thinking, library development, and the library profession as a whole at national, state, and local levels.

Discussions at the Institute will center on a series of papers by a distinguished group of speakers; they will also encompass the whole range of programs, problems, successes, failures, and the course of future thinking and planning represented in the experience of the registrants.

## GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The trustees of the Greenville County Library have adopted statements of general objectives and basic policies for the library.

The general objectives stress service, planned in relation to other facilities, alertness to new methods to improve service and the importance of professional ethics among staff members and in relations between the trustees and the staff.

The policy statement calls for "free access to ideas and full freedom of expression" with no sound, factual material being prescribed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. The statement expresses the view that it is the responsibility of publishers and libraries to give full meaning to the freedom to read by providing books that enrich the quality of thought and expression. By the exercise of this affirmative responsibility, bookmen can demonstrate that the answer to a bad book is a good one, the answer to a bad idea is a good one.



## SLB REQUESTS INCREASED STATE AID

The State Library Board's budget for 1962-63 requests that state aid funds be increased from \$65,755 to \$132,000. This would double state aid for each of 41 county libraries, bringing the amount from \$1,500 to \$3,000. For the establishment of a regional library system, \$5,000 is requested with \$4,000 being designated for regional maintenance grants.

Costs for Service to the Blind, which is financed and administered by North and South Carolina, is based on the number of users of the service, which is rapidly increasing. The State Library Board is requesting an increase from \$7,000 to \$8,500 to provide talking books for an estimated increase of 150 in the number of users.

Librarians and trustees are urged to call on their Senators and Representatives and explain the benefits these increases will provide for county and regional libraries.

## LIBRARIANS AND TRUSTEES ATTEND CONFERENCES

### Governor's Conference on Education, Business, and Agriculture

Estellene P. Walker, Director, State Library Board, Ellen Chaplin, Chairman, Orangeburg County Library Board, Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Librarian, Horry County Library, Chapman J. Milling, Jr., Librarian, Sumter Carnegie Library, and Elizabeth Porcher, Librarian, Greenwood City and County Library, participated in the recent Conference on Education, Business, and Agriculture called by Governor Hollings.

### Mr. Roberts Studies Business Reference in N. C.

On October 24, R. Bryan Roberts, Reference Consultant for the State Library Board, attended a discussion on installing, promoting, and improving business reference services at the Greensboro, N. C., Public Library. Many useful suggestions were gathered from Greensboro's Mr. Richard Cole, Business and Insurance Librarian, and Miss Irene Hester, Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian.

On Wednesday, October 25, Mr. Roberts was a guest of the North Carolina Library Association's forum on interlibrary loan problems in Durham. In a panel type program, questions and problems concerning interlibrary loan were presented for discussion. The participants were approximately one hundred librarians representing the public, school, college, and special libraries of North Carolina.



## BOOKS FOR THE BLIND

A bill to amend the Act of 1879 to promote the education of the blind by authorizing wider distribution of books and other special instructional materials for the blind and by increasing the appropriation for this purpose has been approved by the House and Senate and signed by the President.

The present ceiling of \$400, 000 on appropriations to the American Printing House for the Blind was removed and the supplemental Appropriation Bill carried an additional \$270, 000 for this agency.

## TAKE YOUR CONGRESSMAN FOR A RIDE-----ON A BOOKMOBILE

From now until January your Senators and Representatives will probably be at home. Make an appointment to thank them for their support of the Library Services Act and, if your county is participating or has participated in any way (Reference and Interlibrary Loan Service, Book Collection Improvement Project, Intern Programs, Scholarship Plan, County or Regional Projects), call attention to the improvement in library services. Invite your Senator or Representative to visit the library to see its improved book collection and to take a trip on the bookmobile.

## MODERN LIBRARY SERVICES AND DESIGN AT SEATTLE'S 1962 EXPOSITION

The last supplemental appropriation bill approved by both Houses of Congress before adjournment included an item of \$70, 000 to permit the Office of Education to participate in the exhibit of modern library services and design at the 1962 Century 21 Exposition in Seattle, Washington.

The Federal funds will be used for the training and expenses of personnel to staff the Library 21 exhibit.

## HERE AND THERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

### Aiken County

On October 17, Howard Will, Southern Area Director, Great Books, inaugurated a discussion group at the Aiken County Library.

### Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Counties

A new Gerstenslager bookmobile was delivered at the Allendale Headquarters of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library on October 23.



### Darlington County

The Pauline and Lee Wiggins Foundation presented two air-conditioning units to the Hartsville Township Library.

### Edgefield County

Senator Strom Thurmond was the principal speaker at the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Johnston Public Library on October 2. Governor Ernest F. Hollings also addressed the gathering. Brief remarks were contributed by Senator Frank E. Timmerman, Representative Hugh Clark, Mayor E. R. Mobley, State Jaycee President, Nick Theodore, Everette E. Derrick, Chairman of the Edgefield County Library Board, and Josephine Crouch, Director, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library Board. The new library is a project of the Johnston Jaycees, Brownie Williams, President.

### Florence County

The Florence Public Library is undergoing extensive renovations. The interior is being painted, rewired, and air conditioned.

### Greenville County

J. Russell Bailey, library consultant of Orange, Va., estimates that Friends of the Greenville Library should aim at a goal of \$1,350,000 for the new library building. In considering a library site, Mr. Bailey stressed the fact that many citizens would be the losers if the library were located in an area where they had to make a special trip to use it.

### Greenwood County

The temporary board, composed of representatives from Ninety-Six organizations, which conducted a successful drive for funds for the local library building, has called a meeting of all contributors to the fund to set up a permanent library board and to discuss means of continuing support for the library. The Ninety-Six library is a branch of the Greenwood City and County Library, which pays the custodian and supplies the book collection.

### Lexington County

The R. H. Smith Library, West Columbia, will be open from 7 to 9 p. m. on Tuesday nights.

### Oconee County

A new Gerstenslager bookmobile has been delivered to the Oconee County Library. The bookmobile, which was purchased with funds from a special appropriation by the County Delegation, carries approximately 1,000 books on inside shelving and is equipped with heating and cooling systems. It replaces an eleven-year-old bookmobile.



The Oconee County Library is now open until 9 o'clock on Monday night. This new schedule went into effect on September 18.

Robert Jones, librarian at Hunter College, spoke on rare books at the Oconee County Library on October 25. The public was invited to bring rare books for Mr. Jones' examination.

#### Richland County

In order to give better reference service to the general public and to students, Mrs. Hagood Bostick, librarian of the Richland County Library, has requested that the reference room not be used as a study hall--that is, for doing homework that does not require use of library books or periodicals. To accomplish this, everyone is asked to leave non-library books and packages on shelves near the library entrance.

#### Spartanburg County

The Garden Club Council has voted to place arrangements in the Spartanburg Public Library each week. Each club in the council, in alphabetical order, will supply arrangements.

#### Sumter County

Dalzell Branch Library will be the first branch of the Sumter Carnegie Library outside the city limits. The local Grange, David Ross, Grange Master, secured a school building, moved it to Dalzell, and renovated it. The branch will serve Horatio, Rembert, Hagood, and surrounding communities as well as Dalzell.

### EMORY ANNOUNCES BARKER FELLOWSHIP FOR 1962-1963

The Tommie Dora Barker Fellowship for graduate study in the Division of Librarianship of Emory University will be awarded for the fourth time in 1962-1963. Established by graduates and friends when Miss Barker retired as Director of the Division in 1954, the award now amounts to \$1,200. Application should be made by April 15, 1962, to the Director, Division of Librarianship, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Georgia.

The Barker Fellowship was last awarded in 1960-1961. The recipient was Betty E. Callaham, who is now on the staff of the South Carolina State Library Board in Columbia.

### DREXEL OFFERS NEW LIBRARY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

The Graduate School of Library Science of the Drexel Institute of Technology will admit in a non-degree program persons who lack the formal qualifications for the master's program but are engaged in or intend to enter library employment at sub-professional levels. Before admitting such persons, the School must believe them



capable of completing successfully the work required in the courses in question. Under this plan students register in four basic introductory courses and then in such other courses as are suited to their needs.

Students in this program pay the same fees and fulfill the same requirements of classroom work as regular students. They receive grades, and a statement of courses taken, but are awarded no graduate credit.

Further information may be obtained from the Admissions Office, Graduate School of Library Science, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

### ALA AWARDS, CITATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The announcement of ALA awards, citations, and scholarships to be presented in 1962 is being made at an earlier date this year than heretofore to allow more time for association members to submit nominations and to enable juries to meet during the Midwinter Meeting to discuss nominations and begin making their selections.

The following awards, citations, and scholarships will interest South Carolina librarians and they are urged to explore the possibility of qualifying for them.

#### Grolier Society Award

Made to: a children's or young people's librarian; For: stimulating the reading of children or young people; Consists of: \$500, certificate; Deadline for nominations: January 15, 1962. Send nominations (with five copies of statement of achievement) to: Mrs. Ruth L. Howard, Chairman, Grolier Society Award Jury, Second United States Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Presented annually since 1953 to recognize librarians who have carried on unusual activities and programs in the stimulation and guidance of reading for children and young people. This award is made possible by an annual contribution to ALA by the Grolier Society.

#### Trustee Citations

Made to: two outstanding trustees, in actual service during part of the 1961 calendar year; For: distinguished service to their local libraries and participation in state or national library activities; Consists of: citation; Administered by: Public Library Association; Deadline for nominations: April 1, 1962. Nominations may be sent from any library board, an individual library trustee, a state library association, a state library association, a state trustee organization, a state library extension agency, or by the Trustee Section of the PLA to: (See December, 1961 ALA BULLETIN For Committee Chairman.)



Recommendations must be accompanied by a full record of the candidate's achievements. Five copies of this statement, not to exceed five double spaced typewritten pages, must be submitted.

Presented annually since 1941 to two trustees for outstanding work on state and national levels as well as for their contributions to the local library.

#### John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards

Made to: libraries of all types; For: outstanding library publicity; Consists of: citations; Administered by: Wilson Library Bulletin and ALA Library Administration Division, Public Relations Section; Deadline for entries: April 1, 1962; Deadline for scrapbooks: April 15, 1962; Entry blanks and instructions from: Jack Ramsey, Wilson Library Bulletin, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, New York.

#### **YOUR PROBLEMS** by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

How shocked I was yesterday when I asked for a certain book at the library and the librarian suggested that I check in the card catalog! I feel, and I told her so, that certainly every librarian knew the books in her library. With that, she jumped up and rushed over to the catalog to look up the title. That's when I told her that if finding one book caused all that bother I wasn't interested. It wasn't in the catalog anyway, so I just left without any books.

Don't you think something should be done to make these librarians understand their responsibilities so they can offer better service to their borrowers?

Please let me hear from you because I'm

Concerned

Dear Concerned:

You look up telephone numbers in the directory, don't you? The card catalog in a library works on the same principle and its primary purpose is to aid the public. It is not there to provide employment for the cataloger, who makes every effort to make all the information in every book accessible for the user.

Could it be that you have never learned to use the catalog? It's really right fascinating and I'm sure that any librarian will take the few minutes necessary to indoctrinate you. You'll find this knowledge invaluable if you ever have to use a



library with "closed stacks" where you have to request books from what you find on the catalog card. For one who loves books, the next best thing to a book is to pore over the card catalog and it just might be that you'll discover books and subjects you never dreamed of. I'll wager you'll never leave a library without checking out some books and that chip you have on your shoulder will mysteriously disappear.

Don't shoot the librarians—they do the best they can!

Anne

#### EXHIBITS AVAILABLE

The Netherlands Information Service offers five exhibits: Netherlands; Blow-ups, maps, and watercolors; Delta Works; Castles in the Netherlands; Who Was Vincent Van Gogh?; The Dutch Landscape of the 17th Century in Print and Drawing. They are sent free of charge with the library assuming the return cost. Interested librarians may write Miss Jeanne van der Molen, Exhibition Department, The Netherlands Information Service, 711 Third Avenue, New York 17, New York, for information about the size of the exhibit in which they are interested and giving the preferred period of showing. The display period is usually one month.

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Books from the publishers' exhibit of recent children's books and the collection of foreign children's books are available on request from the State Library Board. The number of books desired from the publishers' exhibit collection should be indicated.

#### CAROLINIANA

The diary of Floride Calhoun Clemson, granddaughter of John C. Calhoun, covering her life in Maryland (1863-64), her return to South Carolina and the subsequent deprivations from war and its aftermath has been published by the U. S. C. Press. The diary with no changes but with notes to clarify the text and indentify persons mentioned was edited by Charles M. McGee, Jr. and Ernest M. Lander, Jr. of the Clemson College faculty. The editors' prologue and epilogue round out the life of the author.

The price of A Rebel Came Home is \$4. 50.

A Woman Rice Planter by Elizabeth Waites (Allston) Pringle (Patience Pennington) edited by Cornelius O. Cathey has been published by Belknap Press of Harvard for \$6. 00. Libraries owning the original may wish to obtain this edition as a circulating copy while those who do not have a copy will probably want one.



The University of South Carolina Press is re-issuing The Public Life of Thomas Cooper, 1783-1839, by Dumas Malone (\$5.00). Thomas Cooper, philosopher, scientist, and educator, was an influential spokesman on political affairs 150 years ago and his philosophy is as pertinent today as it was then.

#### PROPOSED CAROLINIANA

The University of South Carolina Press is contemplating publishing an anthology, Modern Poetry in South Carolina, 1920-1960, edited by Frank Durham. It will include representative poems by writers such as DuBose Heyward, Hervey Allen and John Bennett, who have lived and worked in South Carolina since 1920.

Publication will depend on interest evidenced by readers, libraries, and educational institutions. Please indicate on a postal card the number of copies of the book you would purchase and send it to: Mrs. Louise Jones DuBose, Director, University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, S. C.

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